UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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KATHY R. GRAY MATHENY,

Plaintiff.

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NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:17-cv-00016-MMD-VPC

ORDER ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE VALERIE P. COOKE

Before the Court is Magistrate Judge Valerie P. Cooke's Report and Recommendation ("R&R") (ECF No. 25), regarding Plaintiff Kathy R. Grany Matheny's motion for reversal and/or remand ("Plaintiff's Motion") (ECF No. 22) and Defendant's cross-motion to affirm ("Defendant's Motion") (ECF No. 23). The Magistrate Judge recommended denying Plaintiff's Motion and granting Defendant's Motion. (ECF No. 25) Plaintiff had until December 20, 2017, to file any objection. To date, no objection has been filed.

This Court "may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Where a party timely objects to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation, then the court is required to "make a *de novo* determination of those portions of the [report and recommendation] to which objection is made." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Where a party fails to object, however, the court is not required to conduct "any review at all . . . of any issue that is not the subject of an objection." *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985). Indeed, the Ninth Circuit has recognized that a district court is not required to review a magistrate

judge's report and recommendation where no objections have been filed. See United States v. Reyna-Tapia, 328 F.3d 1114 (9th Cir. 2003) (disregarding the standard of review employed by the district court when reviewing a report and recommendation to which no objections were made); see also Schmidt v. Johnstone, 263 F. Supp. 2d 1219, 1226 (D. Ariz. 2003) (reading the Ninth Circuit's decision in Reyna-Tapia as adopting the view that district courts are not required to review "any issue that is not the subject of an objection"). Thus, if there is no objection to a magistrate judge's recommendation, then the court may accept the recommendation without review. See, e.g., Johnstone, 263 F. Supp. 2d at 1226 (accepting, without review, a magistrate judge's recommendation to which no objection was filed).

Nevertheless, this Court finds it appropriate to engage in a *de novo* review in order to determine whether to adopt the R&R. Upon review of the R&R and the records in this case, the Court agrees with the Magistrate Judge and adopts the R&R in full.

It is hereby ordered that the R&R (ECF No. 25) is accepted and adopted in full. Plaintiff's motion for remand or reversal (ECF No. 22) is denied and defendant's crossmotion to affirm (ECF No. 23) is granted.

The Clerk is directed to enter judgment in favor of Defendant and close this case.

DATED THIS 9th day of January 2018.

MIRANDA M. DU UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE